



100TH BACARDI CUP REGATTA 7-13 MARCH, 2027

Star Class

NOTICE OF RACE – POSTED ON 15 June, 2026

The organizing authority (OA) is Twelve USA, INC.

Berthing will be available at Coral Reef Yacht Club, the United States Sailing Center, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, and Shake a Leg Miami.

[[NP] designates rules that are not protestable by a boat, changing RRS 60.1)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: The prescription to RRS 88.2, Appendix R, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescriptions to rules 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1. The full text of the Prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 1.3 The following Appendices will apply:
 - 1.3.1 Appendix P2.1 will apply. RRS P1.2 will be changed to permit the hail to a protested boat to be either sail number or bow number. RRS P2.1 will be changed to read “When a boat is penalized ...”. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply.
 - 1.3.2 Appendix T will apply. RRS T1(b) will be changed to read; (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a Scoring Penalty equal to 20% of the score for DNF, or 50% of the difference between the boat’s finishing position in the race and the score for DNF, whichever is less. The Scoring Penalty is calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(a) applies. After the arbitrator offers an opinion, RRS T4(a) is changed to read “a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty as described in RRS T1(b) as changed in this Notice of Race (NOR) 1.3, except that the penalty shall be 30% of the score for DNF.
 - 1.3.3 RRS 44.3(c) is changed to add the sentence: Percentage penalties shall be rounded to the nearest point (0.5 or greater rounded upwards).
- 1.4 The following International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Rules (STCR) will be amended or amend the RRS in accordance with RRS 86 and 87:
 - 1.4.1 STCR 31.2.6, Electronic Equipment, allows VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose to listen to the actions of the Race Committee and to transmit in the event of an emergency or retirement. In the event of an individual recall, bow numbers or sail numbers of a yacht or yachts which are identified as OCS or penalized under RRS 30.4 may be announced on VHF 71. Failure of the Race Committee to transmit, failure of a competitor to receive, mistaken transmissions, and order of hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)1.

- 1.4.2 STCR 34.3.1 changes RRS 32 (will not be used) and RRS 33(b) to limit leg length changes to within the parameters of the format being sailed.
- 1.4.3 STCR 34.3 (Courses) will be amended as described in Notice of Race 9.
- 1.4.4 STCR 34.6.3 changes RRS 35 and A5 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within the limits established in the STCR after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limits therein will be scored TLE as defined therein.
- 1.4.5 STCR 35.5 changes the Two-Turn penalty in RRS 44.1 and P2.1 to a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5 Under RRS 87, STCR 31.1.3 Team Weight will not apply.
- 1.6 The Sailing Instructions may also change other *rules* if warranted.
- 1.7 Except for breaking a *rule* of Part 2 or RRS 2, 28 or 31, the International Jury (Jury) may impose a discretionary penalty [DP] less than disqualification.
- 1.8 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9 Detailed procedures, operational requirements, and Racing Rules of Sailing changes regarding the use of the Vakaros Atlas 2 and RaceSense system are contained in **Addendum RS** and **Addendum RS-Mount**, both of which form part of this Notice of Race.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online after February 27, 2027.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB at https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board/50864
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 71.
- 3.3 From the first warning signal until after her last race of the day, except in an emergency or to communicate retirement, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication not available to all boats. In order to communicate ashore with the fleet, the OA will organize a WhatsApp group. A link to this group will be located on the ONB and at the registration desk.

4. [NP] ELEGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries are open to all active, life and isolated skippers and must be eligible in accordance with STCR 26.1. Crews must comply with STCR 26.2. Boats must comply with STCR 21.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line application: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50864> by February 28, 2027.
- 4.3 In order to receive regatta communication you must provide an email address.
- 4.4 Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under World Sailing (WS) Eligibility Code, Regulation 19, are to compete in this regatta.
A Competitor is not entered and will not receive a score until: (a) All fees are paid; (b) Proof of insurance is provided (c) Participants waiver is signed.
- 4.5 An entry will be considered complete and accepted only upon submission of the online entry form and full payment of all applicable fees.
- 4.6 Acceptance of entries exceeding the 100-boat limit will be at the discretion of the Organizing Authority and subject to available space.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is USD \$695

- 5.2 Entry fees are due at time of entry, but not later than February 28, 2027, and payable on the event website: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50864>
- 5.3 The first five (5) fully entered U30 Teams (both skipper and crew under 30 years of age) will receive free entry and financial support from the Organizing Authority; the full USD \$695 entry fee must be paid at the time of entry and will be refunded upon participation in the event.
- 5.4 A late entry fee of USD \$150.00 will be assessed on entries received after February 7, 2027.
- 5.5 Entry fees will be refundable less the following amounts:
- 5.5.1 Less 50% if cancellation is received between October 8, 2026 and December 7, 2026.
 - 5.5.2 Less 75% if cancellation is received between December 8, 2026 and February 7, 2027.
 - 5.5.3 Entry fees are non-refundable after February 7, 2027.
- 5.6 A Bacardi Cup wristband is required for entrance into hospitality areas. Wristbands will be distributed during check-in. Each competitor must present a valid photo ID together with an event voucher to receive a wristband. If no valid photo ID is presented, the individual will receive an 'under 21' wristband and will be prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Six (6) races are scheduled. Three (3) races are required to constitute an event.
- 7.2 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Saturday, March 13, 2027.
- 7.3

Sunday, March 7, 2027	1000 – 1800 1800 – 2100	Event + Vakaros Check-in Welcome Cocktail
Monday, March 8, 2027	TBD TBD 1800	Competitor's Meeting / Announcements Warning Signal, Race 1 Bacardi Cocktail Party
Tuesday, March 9, 2027	TBD TBD 1600	Competitor's Briefing Warning Signal, Race 2 Bacardi Cocktail Party
Wednesday, March 10, 2027	TBD TBD 1630	Competitor's Briefing Warning Signal, Race 3 Bacardi Mid Week Party
Thursday, March 11, 2027	TBD TBD 1600	Competitor's Briefing Warning Signal, Race 4 Bacardi Cocktail Party
Friday, March 12, 2027	TBD TBD 1600	Competitor's Briefing Warning Signal, Race 5 Bacardi Cocktail Party
Saturday, March 13, 2027	TBD TBD 1400 1800	Competitor's Briefing Warning Signal, Race 6 No warning after 1400 Awards Ceremony

8. VENUE

- 8.1 The sailing venue will be on Biscayne Bay as illustrated in the Sailing Instructions, RACING AREAS, approximately 2 – 4 nm south of Dinner Key Channel light "1."

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be in accordance with STCR 34 and will be further described in the sailing instructions.



10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Per RRS 70.3(b), the decisions of the International Jury will be final.

11. SCORING

11.1 The event shall be scored in accordance with RRS A as may be modified by the SIs.

11.2 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. [NP] BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

12.1 Launching, berthing, hauling, and trailer storage will be available at Coral Reef Yacht Club (CRYC), Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC), US Sailing Center (**USSC**), and Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM). Additional information regarding launching, berthing, hauling, trailer storage, and boat assignments will be available on the event website. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

12.2 Boats may be hauled out during the regatta.

13. PRIZES

13.1 Prizes for skipper and crew for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth place boats in the series.

13.2 The perpetual Bacardi Cup Trophy for the first place skipper and the Tito Bacardi Cup for the first place crew in the series.

13.3 First place boat for the Masters Division (skippers aged 50 through 59 before the start of the first race).

13.4 First place boat for the Grand Masters Division (skippers aged 60 through 69 before the start of the first race).

13.5 First place boat for the Exalted Grand Master Division (skippers aged 70 and above before the start of the first race).

13.6 First place boat in the U30 Division.

13.7 The Tammy Rubin-Rice Trophy awarded to the highest placing team in Bacardi Cup who did not win an award.

13.8 The OA reserves the right to award additional prizes.

14. [NP] TEAM AND PRIVATE SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

14.1 Per STCR 31.1.4, boats shall receive no outside assistance or contact from any support persons and vessels, including towing, once she has left the dock for the day until her finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing supplied by the OA and available to all participants. Towing is permitted once the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

14.2 Individual and support / coach vessels shall register with the OA during registration at the regatta registration office and shall comply with the *rules* of the event.

14.3 Per RRS 37, support vessels and persons shall carry a functioning VHF and monitor VHF channel 71 and, if requested, shall assist the Race Committee.

14.4 All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.

14.5 The Sailing Instructions and/or the OA may further limit the activities and location of the support vessels and penalties for breaking the rules.

15. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 In addition to RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE, the safety of a boat and her entire management

shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) and the owner's representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

15.2 The event organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, technical committee, host club, sponsors, or any other participating organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in these events.

15.3 By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the event organizers from any and all liability associated with participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15.4 Prior to participating in this event every owner(s), competitor and support person shall sign the waiver of liability completed when entering the regatta.

16. INSURANCE

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

17.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Director: Sara Zanobini sara@bacardiinvitational.com

Regatta Chairman: Mark Pincus mwpincus@aol.com

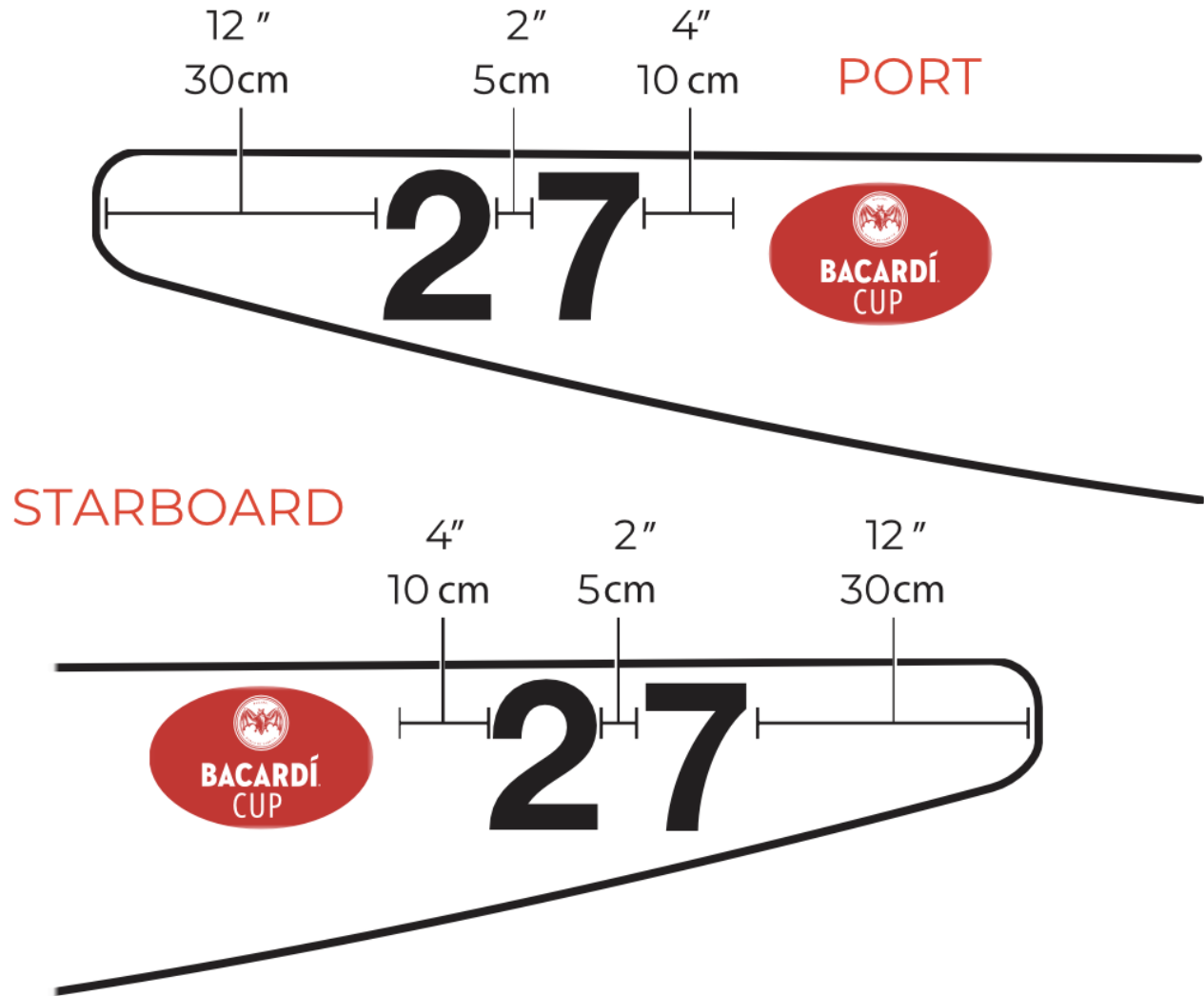
Star Class PRO: Carol Ewing lightning@snappydsl.net

Star Class Representative: Stu Hebb Stuarthebb@gmail.com

Launching/berthing information on the event website:

www.bacardiinvitational.com/logistics or email info@bacardiinvitational.com

ADDENDUM B
Bow Numbers and Sponsor Decals Instructions



ADDENDUM RS - RaceSense RRS Changes

[NP] Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros Atlas 2 and RaceSense System

RS.1 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge may obtain a rental unit through Vakaros, subject to applicable fees. The device shall be mounted in accordance with the requirements specified in **Attachment RS-Mount** and remain properly installed while racing.

RS.2 Competitors shall:

- a) Calibrate their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge before registration/check-in. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure their device remains properly calibrated throughout the event.
- b) Turn the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge off after sailing each day. Battery life is approximately 100 hours.
- c) Take all reasonable measures to keep the device safe and operational and promptly notify Vakaros staff, either on the water or ashore, of any device issues.

RS.3 Competitors using privately owned Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge devices shall maintain an active RaceSense subscription for the duration of the event. Rental units will include RaceSense activation.

RS.4 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC), and relevant RaceSense information will be available to all boats.

RS.5 Instructions for using the Atlas 2 can be found in the [Atlas 2 User Guide](#) and instructions for the Atlas Edge can be found in the [Atlas Edge User Guide](#).

RS.6 The countdown displayed on the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge through RaceSense shall be the official time for starting. Signal flags will be used for information purposes only. This changes **RRS 26**.

RS.7 Visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and RRS 30 by the RC is replaced by electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system. This modifies **RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4**.

RS.8 Malfunction, loss of connection, inaccurate data transmission, failure of the Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge, the RaceSense system, or associated communication systems shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes **RRS 61.1(a)**.

RS.9 If the RC vessel displays Flag Oscar (Old School) with one long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, RS.6 and RS.7 shall not apply to that race.

RS.10 If the RC vessel displays Flag Romeo (Re-Boot) with one long sound signal before the warning signal of a race, competitors shall restart their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge by switching it off, waiting ten (10) seconds, and switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Flag Romeo will remain displayed for a minimum of two (2) minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.

RS.11 If firmware updates are required between scheduled race days, notice will be provided to competitors via email, SMS, and/or the event WhatsApp group.

RS.12 Competitors may rent a Vakaros Atlas 2 device for use during the regatta through the Vakaros rental program. Rental requests shall be submitted no later than **28 February 2027**. Rental information is available here: [Vakaros Rental Link](#)

RS.13 For technical assistance regarding Atlas 2, Atlas Edge, or RaceSense, competitors may contact Vakaros Support at support@vakaros.com.

ADDENDUM RS-Mount

Atlas 2 mounting specifications

A Vakaros Atlas 2 is required equipment for the 2027 Bacardi Cup Regatta. Whether owned or rented (see rental opportunity on class website), the Atlas 2 shall be mounted conforming to the following specifications.

The Atlas 2 shall be:

- Mounted on the centerline of the boat
- Mounted 2385mm $\pm$ 25mm aft of the intersection of the jib stay (headstay) and the deck.
- Mounted with the display facing aft, perpendicular to the centerline
- Mounted with a minimum of 150 mm clearance to the mast
- No conductive materials may be within 25mm of the top of the Atlas 2. Only nonconductive materials (e.g., plastic and fiberglass) are permitted in this region.

